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The Honorable James E. Webb
Administrator
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Dear Jim:

I am glad to transmit herewith a letter from Dr. H. H. Hess, Chairman of our Space Science Board, conveying to you the Board's statement of August 5, 1963 on "Space Probe Sterilization."

Dr. Hess's recommendation that this statement be made public seems to me appropriate. If you approve, we shall proceed with a news release, cooperating with you in whatever way you suggest.

Sincerely yours,

Frederick Seitz
President

cc: Dr. Hess
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